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Ref: 11-F-0130

Mr. Jason Smathers
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Dear Mr. Smathers:


This is in response to your undated Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for an electronic copy of the Joint Lessons Learned Information System (JLLIS) database. We received your request on November 3, 2011.

By asking for the entire database you are essentially requesting every record in the DLLIS system. The Joint Staff has advised that the total volume of this information exceeds 37 GBs of raw data. The total estimate of time needed to extract and review this information would exceed 17,000 hours at a cost surpassing two million dollars.

According to DoD 5400.7-R § C1.5.7.2. "About electronic data, the issue of whether records are actually created or merely extracted from an existing database is not always readily apparent. Consequently, when responding to FOIA requests for electronic data where creation of a record, programming, or particular format are questionable, Components should apply a standard of reasonableness. In other words, if the capability exists to respond to the request and the effort would be a business as usual approach, then the request should be processed. However, the request need not be processed where the capability to respond does not exist without a significant expenditure of resources, thus not being a normal business as usual approach. As used in this sense, a significant expenditure of resources in both time and manpower, that would cause a significant interference with the operation of the Component's mission and would not be a business as usual approach." Given the amount of resources required to fulfill your request, we do not believe that this request can be classified as "business as usual."

If you are not satisfied with this action, you may appeal to the appellate authority, the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, by writing directly to the Defense Freedom of Information Policy Office, Attn: Mr. James Hogan, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-1155. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter, should cite to case number 11-F-0130, and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,


for Paul J. Jacobsmeyer
Chief